

HSR&D Field-Based Meetings 2010

Title: VA Equity Research: Moving the Field Forward

Principal Investigator: Nancy Kressin, PhD

Summary: This conference will promote collaboration and 'out of the box' thinking on reasons for health care disparities, promising intervention strategies, and best ways to implement successful interventions across VA nationally. Core areas of conference program will include: interventions to reduce health care disparities, and health equity and implementation research.

Title: Using Research to Build the Evidence Base for Improving the Quality of Care for Women Veterans

Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Yano, PhD, MSPH

Summary: This meeting will build on the 2004 research agenda setting meeting by strengthening the collaboration between stakeholders including the Women Veterans Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Office of Mental Health and Primary Care. The meeting participants will review the existing research and the updated evidence synthesis report on women's health and will include a workshop on the Women Veterans' Practice-based Research Network (PBRN).

Title: Long-Term Care Services in the VA: Innovative Approaches to Quality Improvement

Principal Investigator: Paul Katz, MD

Summary: The objective of the proposed meeting is to assess the strengths & limitations of quality measures in long term care, to identify interventions aimed at improving the quality of institutional and home based long term care, and to identify a research agenda and implementation strategies.

Title: Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement

Principal Investigator: Alan West, PhD

Summary: This meeting is a collaboration with the VA Office of Rural Health who is co-sponsoring/co-funding the meeting. The meeting will provide a platform for interactions and collaborations among researchers, implementation experts, providers, and policy makers in the field of rural health aimed to improve care and access for rural Veterans and lead to policy decisions informed by research methods and evidence.

Title: Mental Health

Principal Investigator: Richard Owen, MD

Summary: This meeting will highlight ongoing and recently completed research designed to improve access to, engagement in, and quality of care that will fill gaps in existing knowledge and address pressing mental health system needs that are high priority for HSR&D and VHA leadership. The meeting will involve researchers in collaboration with VHA mental health stakeholders to develop a research agenda designed to support the T21 initiatives which include access to and coordination of care.

Title: Advancing Implementation Science in VA

Principal Investigator: Brian Mittman, PhD

Summary: This meeting will build on the 2008 QUERI supported workshop for GRECC and MIRECC researchers and on-going training aimed at building knowledge and skills in implementation research. This meeting will include scientific workshops and paper sessions aimed at advancing VA work in the field of implementation research, thus promoting partnerships among QUERI Centers, HSR&D Centers of Excellence and VHA operations partners.

Title: Quality Improvement in Parallel Circuits: VA System Redesign, Operational Systems Engineering, and Implementation Research

Principal Investigator: Linda Williams, MD

Summary: This meeting will build partnerships with the newly-funded VA Engineering Resource Centers (VERCs), the VA HSR&D QUERI Centers, and representatives from VA OQP and Operations Offices to identify improvement strategies currently employed by the various participants and to strategize on further spread of these. In addition, the meeting will focus on identifying key areas and mechanisms for ongoing joint implementation collaborations and translation interventions.